CARR-1261 Gill Avenue, Hampstead

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Description

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The Hampstead Railroad Station is located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Gill Avenue and the CSX railroad tracks in Hampstead in Northeast Carroll County Maryland. The Station is a one story 6 bay x 2 bay frame structure with a concrete foundation and a gable roof that had slate, but is now in the process of being rebuilt. The roof has a north/south ridge. The siding has beaded-edge-in-center vertical boards below a railing that matches the chair rail in the interior, above this railing is German siding with corner boards that are fastened with wire nails. The siding is painted light grey with a maroon trim, the windows are boarded up but are 2/2 double-hung sash and all of the doors have five lying panels and have one-light transom above. The station has over hanging eaves with brackets and a beaded-edge-in-center board soffit.

On the west elevation from north to south, there is a typical window, a typical door, projecting bay with paired typical windows and with a typical window on both the north and south elevations of the bay. The bay has a gable roof with an east/west ridge and stick work barge boards. South of the bay is a typical door, a typical window and beaded-edge-in-center vertical board freight door on rollers with a large transom above that is boarded up. The south elevation has a typical freight door and transom set to the east and a small 2/2 sash and a gable end. A portion of the original stick work barge board survives in the gable end. The east elevation has from south to north a typical freight door and transom, a typical window, a typical door, typical window, typical door and typical window at the north. The north elevation has two typical windows and stick work barge board in the gable end.

The interior has a large freight room at the south end and three rooms in the north end, the original arrangement consisted of north and south waiting rooms that were connected on the east and a station agents office in the west center section where the bay is. The east wall of the office was taken down and the north and south walls of the office extended to enlarge it and separate the north and south waiting rooms. The flooring throughout is 2 ¼ inch wide and runs north/south, the chair rail has a bull nose shelf with a taurus covetto bead and ogee below. The architrave is symmetrical and has a bead in the center with an ovolo to each side and a bead on each outer corner. There are bulls-eye corner blocks. The walls have beaded edge and center vertical board half wainscot below the chair rail and horizontal beaded-edge-in-center boards above the chair rail. The ceilings also had beaded-edge-in-center boards but most of this was removed when the roof framing was replaced.

The north room is painted a medium gray overtop of a light gray overtop of varnish below the chair rail. The chair rail and architrave are painted to match. Above the chair rail the wood is painted light gray over varnish. The architrave appears to be painted a medium gray over varnish. On the south elevation set to the west is a door with one light over three lined panels. This door

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leads to the center room or office. It originally swung into the center room but was moved to swing out. It is hung on metal plate butt hinges that are face screwed to the architrave and there are no mortices on the jam. It has a mortice lock with a stamped metal foliate escutcheon and knob. The door is painted light gray on the rails and stiles and medium gray on the panels. Beneath the paint is varnish. The exterior doors are painted to match this door.

The center room or office is painted light green above the chair rail overtop of a flesh color which is overtop of a grass green which is overtop of a medium olive green which is on top of varnish. Below the chair rail the walls are painted a light green on top of a flesh color overtop of a dark black green. The architrave is painted a dark gray green over a flesh tone over a dark black green over varnish. The ceiling is painted white over a putty color overtop of a light olive green. This appears to have been varnished originally as well. The door on the north elevation set to the west which leads to the north waiting room has rails and stiles that are painted a dark gray green over a flesh tone over a grass green over a medium olive green over a light green on top of varnish. The panels are a light green over flesh over a dark forest green over a medium mustard brown over varnish. On the north elevation east of the door is a brick chimney that is enclosed with the same siding as the rest of the room. It has a stove pipe hole on the north side for a stove that must have stood in the north waiting room. On the west elevation was a built in desk that was open in the center for the agents legs, part of the desk survives in the northwest corner, part has been removed and carried outside. The southwest corner of this room has been rebuilt and there was apparently a door on the south elevation that led to the south waiting room. There is a cellar below this room. The east ends of the north and south walls have plywood with battens covering the joints, there is chair rail and wainscot below it at the bottom of the walls that appears to have been used when the original eastern wall was taken down. The eastern section of the south elevation has a ticket window with typical architrave, the window slides up into the wall with a slide bolt to hold it in place. The window has a two light sash, these window was probably reused and moved from its original location, likely on the east elevation.

The south waiting room is a mirror image of the north room, the whole room is painted a flesh color over a light gray green or olive green over top of what appears to be varnish. The ceiling is painted white over a light gray green or olive green. There is a cornice molding at the ceiling fastened with wire nails. The south elevation to the west has a doorway that leads to the south freight room, there are three steps up inside of the door. The flooring in this room is 2" thick butted boards that are 6" or 12" wide and run north/south, the walls are sheathed half the way up with circular sawn half lapped boards. The studs here are circular sawn and are 1 \(^3\)4 inches. There is rough shelving built in on the north elevation to the east and there

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is a ladder on the north elevation to the attic area. Roof framing survives here and there is a ridge pole, the joists are lapped and nailed to the rafters and there are small dimension diagonal braces nailed from near the center of the rafters to near the center of the joists. The freight doors are hung on interior rollers.

Contributing Resourses 1.

Significance

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This property was one of many owned by Charles M. Murray at his death in 1910, and held a grain elevator operated by Switzer and Bixler. Murray's son, acting as trustee, sold the property to Irvin Leister in 1910. The 1911 Sanborn map shows that there was a 2½ story grain elevator on the sit, with a one-story passenger depot on the north end and a one-story freight house on the south end. Switzer & Bixler continued to operate the elevator. In July, 1912, Leister sold .626 acres, the land where the elevator was, to the Western Maryland Railway Company for \$1000. Several conditions were placed on the sale, including that the land could only be used for railroad functions, that Leister would continue to have the use of the switch, and that Leister "reserves the buildings including the foundation stone on the land hereby conveyed with the privilege of removing the same within fifty days from the date of this deed ...."

Leister had probably already started construction of the new mill (Carr-1262). By early August a correspondent could write, "Every vestige of the old depot and freight shed has been removed and there is now nothing to hinder the Western Maryland from building a decent depot and a good freight house at Hampstead." Taking down the old building proved easier than erecting the new one. A group of Hampstead residents petitioned the Public Service Commission to force the railway to "... erect a proper station ...." The petitioners complained that there was "... no provision for lavatories or separate rooms for men and women, "criticizing the railway's plans as a "one-horse" depot. The hearing was held on 13 September, and on 26 September the Western Maryland submitted new plans to the Commission, remedying the problems. The Commission accepted the proposed separate waiting rooms and ordered "separate closets for men and women for sanitary purposes, at about the distance of two hundred (200) feet in the rear of the said station." Another concern had been that the freight house would interfere with traffic on Railroad Avenue, so the Commission ordered that the freight depot portion of the station be located away from the road.

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The concern about the local railroad station on the part of the citizens of Hampstead is not unusual. With the coming of the railroad, the local depot became a major gateway to the town, and residents of many cities and towns, of all sizes, wanted the station to make the best possible expression about the quality of the town. The station became a source of pride for many towns, and in the case of Hampstead is considered important enough that the town has recently acquired the building and is in the process of rehabilitating it.

#### Geographic Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Periods:

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

**Historic Period Theme:** 

Architecture/Transportation

Resource Type:

Railroad Station

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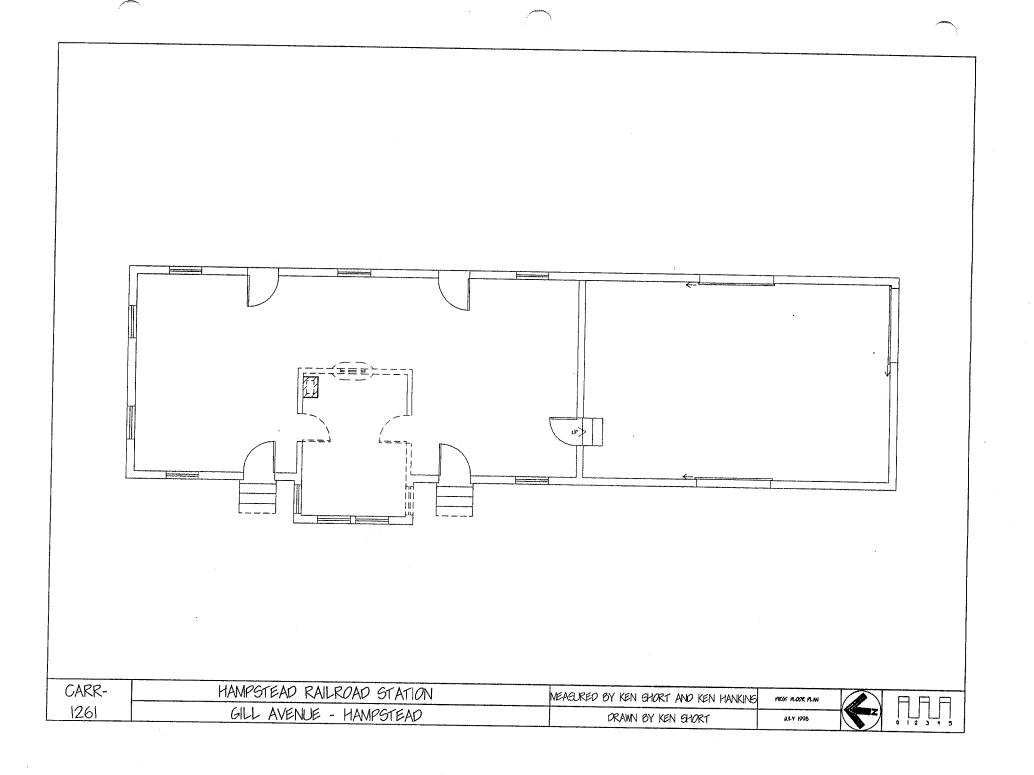
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Pride of the Valley, Inc Dela Corp.		North Carroll Investment Co., MD Corp.		11 Jun. 1971	CCC/489	159	Deed fee simple	4 lots
Valley Feed & Supply – NY Corp.		Pride of the Valley, Inc. – Dela. Corp.		30 Sept. 1966	CCC/419	448	Deed fee simple	4 lots
Quaker City Flour Mill, Inc. – Dela. Corp.		Belt Seed Co., Inc. – MD Corp.		13 Jul. 1964	CCC/376	682	Deed fee simple	4 lots
Western Maryland R. R.		Quaker City Mills		15 Sept. 1961	340	10		Parcel 4
Manchester Bank		Quaker City Flour Mills, Inc. – Dela. Corp.		15 Apr. 1939	LDM/170	292	Deed fee simple	2 parcels
John B. Baker, assignee of mortgage (Star Milling Co., Inc. – VA Corp.)	Carroll	Manchester Bank		9 Mar. 1939	LDM/170	224	Deed fee simple	48,267 sq. ft.
William C. Miller, Pres., J. Frank Switzer, Sec. Hampstead Milling – MD Corp.		Star Milling Cor. – VA Corp. & A. A. Roudabush, Shenandoah, VA		6 Jul. 1935	EMM/162	345	Deed, ?	a. 19,921 sq. ft. see 4 deeds below b. 28,346 sq. ft.
Irvin S. Leister & wf. Lena B.	Carroll	Malko Milling & Lighting Co. – MD Corp.		31 Mar. 1921	EOC/138	252	Deed fee simple	Murray's Division, lot 3 1+ ac626 ac. sold to WMRR 16 Jul. 1912, lot 10 – 28,890 sq. ft.

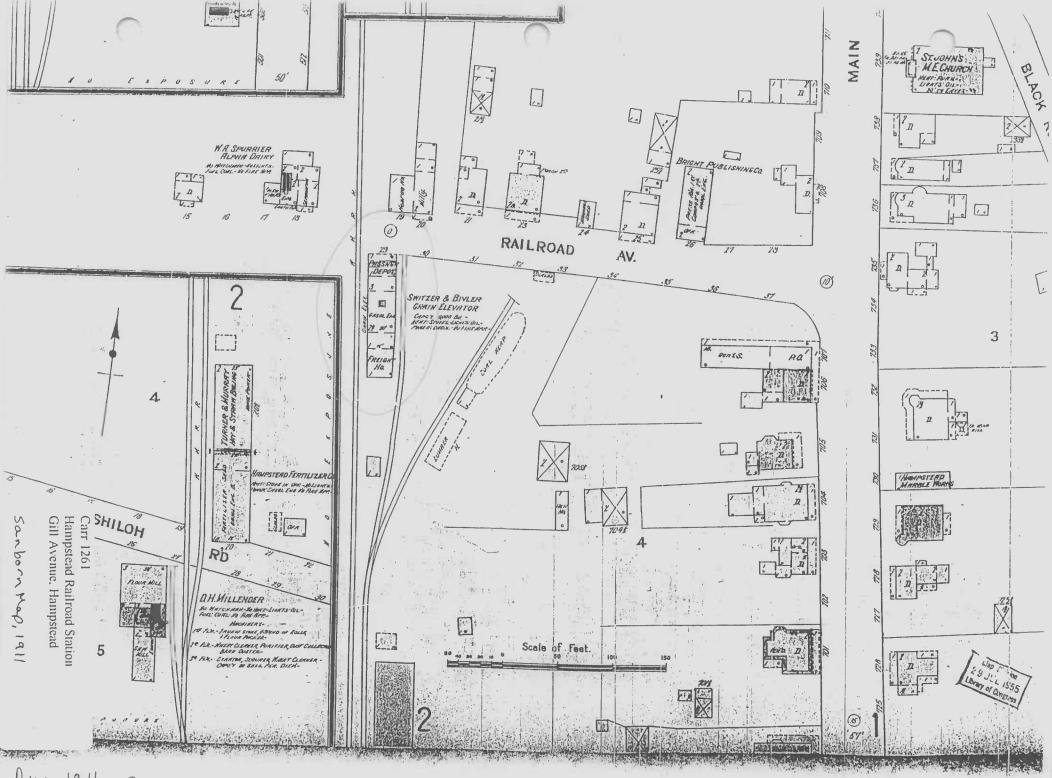
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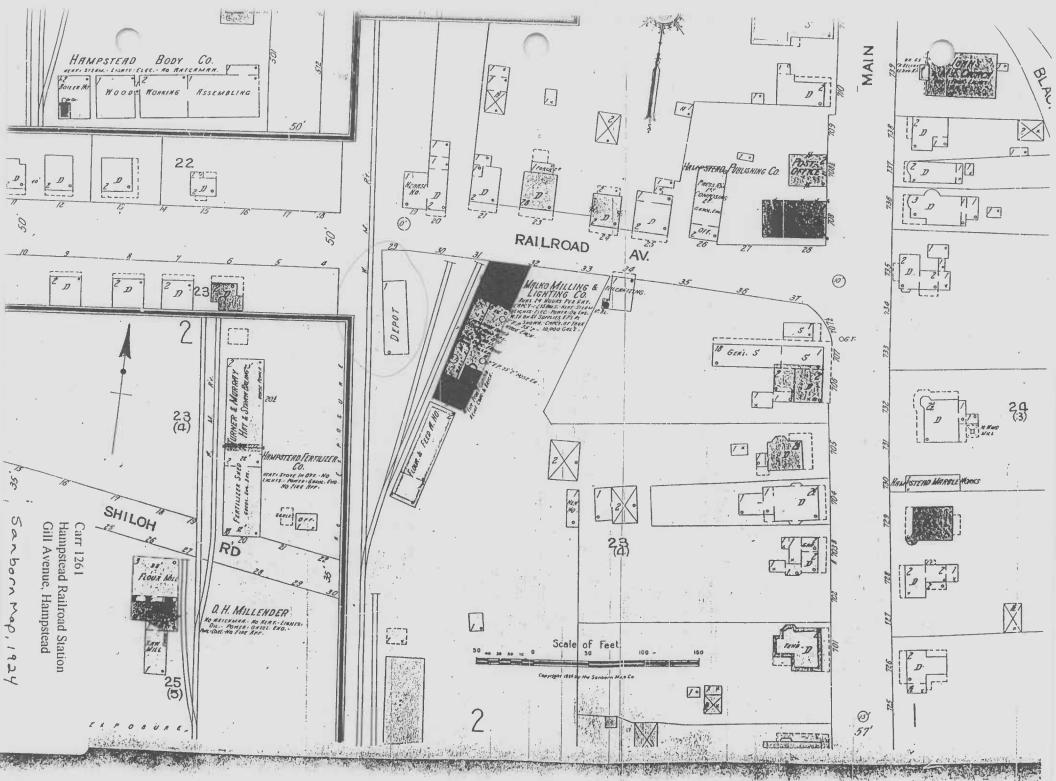
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Agnes A. Murray		Harry Bixler		3 Feb. 1910	113	418		
Charles A. Murray		Agnes A. Murray		31 Dec. 1904	101	234		
William A. Murray		Agnes A. Murray		12 May 1899	89	275		
Ephraim W. Turner		William A. Murray		29 Jul. 1889	69	518		
Keziah Murray		Charles M. Murray		4 Dec. 1882	58	114		
Andrew Schaffer		Charles M. Murray		17 Dec. 1878				
William A. Murray		Agnes A. Murray		12 Jun. 1875				\$800.00
Mary Sykes		Keziah Murray		26 Jul. 1870	38	435		\$1,000.00
Joseph Ebaugh		Charles M. Murray		12 Apr. 1869	37	77		\$5,500.00
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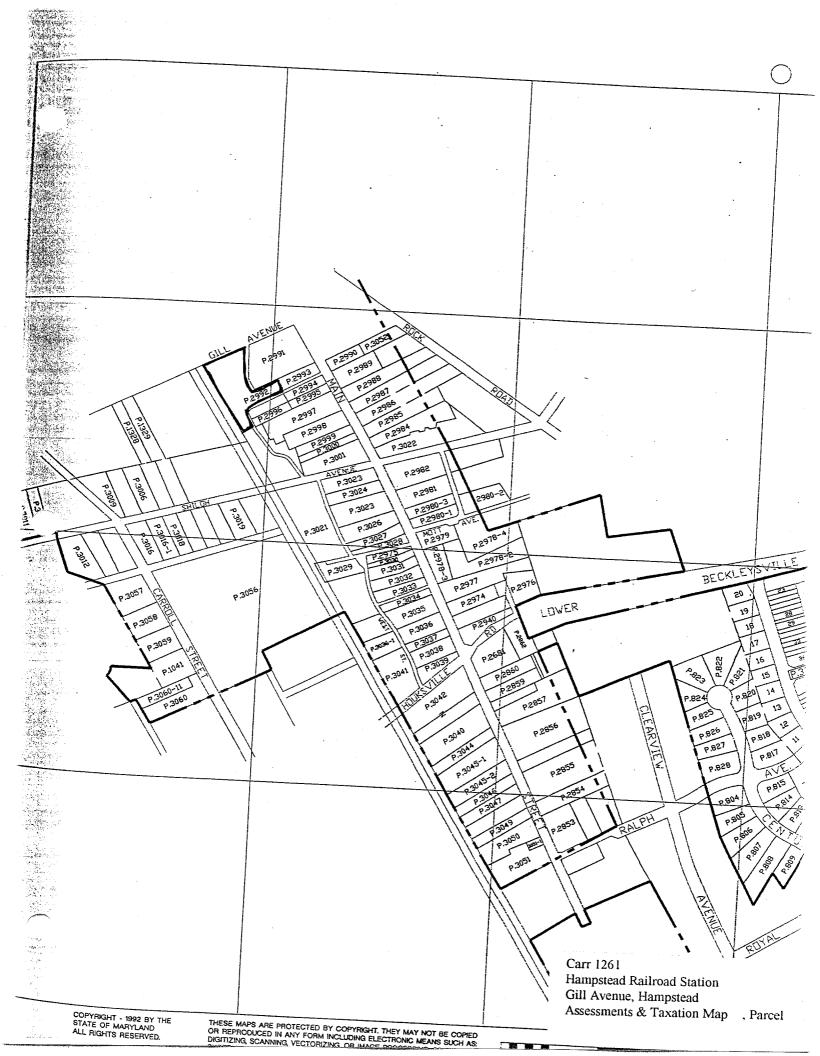


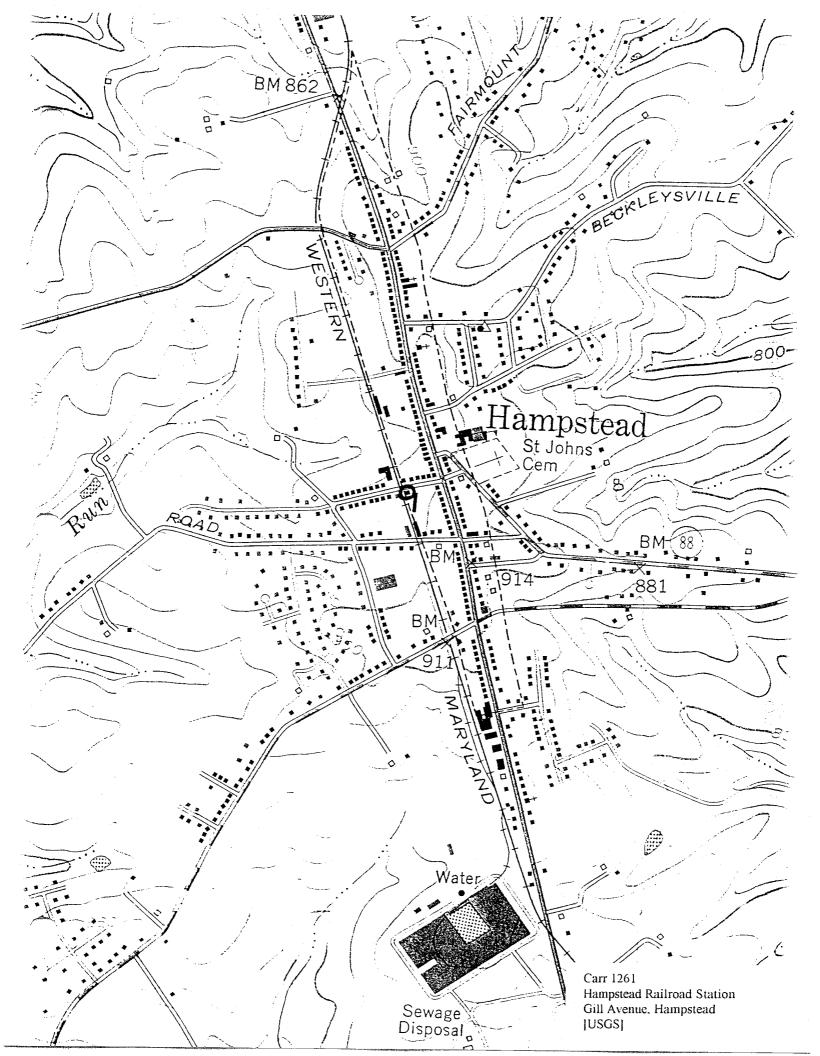
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HAMPSTEAD RAILROAD STATION

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The Hampstead Railroad Station is representative of the rural "Stick-Style" railroad stations popular in the late 19th century. Its one-story height, hipped roof with wide eaves, and wood ornamentation reflect the Victorian period during which the railroad arrived in Hampstead. According to Chessie System officials, the station was built in 1912, but local residents feel that it dates to the late 19th century. As the center for commercial development in Hampstead, it has served as the symbol for progress within the community.

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The Hampstead Railroad Station is a one story structure, rectaregular in shape, five bays long by two bays wide. This building was built on a concrete foundation. The two main entrances are on either side of the off centered gable that's facing the railroad tracks. The gable decorated with "Kings post" trusses. This section of the building extends out from the frame which suggests that it was used as a pick-up drop-off point, expecially considering that it almost completely open from the front. Both side gabled roofs, with over hanging eaves and brace supports, were also adorned with "Kings post" trasses and a big light hand before the side facing the street. Both sides of this building have two windows are are decorated with diagnal, flat stickwork. The details on this building, especially the elaborated gable roof, suggest that it is a Victorian "Stick," popular between 1860 and 1890.

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The building is of a rural Victorian railroad station design, fairly plain and simple but with "Stick-style" ornamentation in the gables. As the center of late 19th century commercial development in Hampstead, it has served as the symbol of progress within the

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